GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Impact of Liquor Restriction on Tourism Sector
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that restrictions on liquor has impacted the tourism sector and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the average growth of the number of foreign tourists and domestic tourists since the last three years after the ban on liquor in some States;
(c) whether the Government intends to introduce a national liquor policy;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the reasons for not introducing a national liquor policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. However, there has been a growth in the number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India and domestic tourist visits during the last three years which is as under:
<pre> (in million)
Year FTAs Domestic tourist visits
2014 7.68 1283
2015 8.03 1432
2016 8.80 1614
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FTAs during the period January to May 2017 was 42,15,351* registering a growth of 16.4% compared to the same period 2016.
*Provisional

(c) to (e): No, Madam. Ministry of Tourism does not intend to introduce a national liquor policy since liquor is a subject in the State List under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India.
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